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(b) (i) From 26th February 1929 to 31st December 1929.
(ii) Rs. 37,195.

(c) *to* (e) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to G.O. No. 1214 I., dated 14th April 1930, which was placed on the table, on 6th November 1930.

Insufficiency of sluices in the Chepad project, Proddatur taluk.

* 298 *Q.*—Mr. T. NARASA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the ryots of lands under the Chepad project are complaining of the insufficiency of sluices to irrigate their lands;

(b) whether the Public Works Department has bestowed any attention to the above grievances;

(c) whether it is a fact that an uneven rate of water-cess is levied on the lands of the above Chepad project in Proddatur taluk;

(d) how many sluices have been sanctioned to be constructed in the above channel and when were they sanctioned; and

(e) whether it is a fact that there is yet a large area which can be irrigated under the project provided the number of sluices is increased in this channel?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the rules for the levy of water-cess in the taluk. A copy of the rules is annexed.[a]

(d) Two additional sluices were sanctioned by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in 1934–35. The existing sluice at mile 19–0–430 ft. has been ordered during the current year to be shifted to mile 18–7–520 ft. in the right bank of the channel and sanction given for forming a high level field channel in rear of it.

(e) The extent of land still to be brought under irrigation is about 3,000 acres. It does not seem necessary to increase the number of sluices in order to bring this extent under cultivation.

Publication of the rules regulating the supply of water under the Mopad reservoir.

* 299 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased (i) to place on the table of the House a copy of the water regulations now in force under the Mopad reservoir; and (ii) to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 1933–34 the sluices were opened for irrigation when the supply in the reservoir was 12 feet and in the year 1934–35 when it was only 10 feet;

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(*b*) why it was not opened this year till now when the reservoir has a supply of 13 feet;

(*c*) when sluices were opened and closed for first and second crops in each year during the last five years; and

(*d*) how many times the reservoir surplussed after its construction?

A.—(i) No rules have been framed yet for the regulation of water issued from the Mopad reservoir. The matter is under the consideration of the local officers.

(ii) (*a*) The level of water in the reservoir was 15·9 feet in 1933–34 and 10·5 feet in 1934–35 when the sluice was first opened for irrigation.

(*b*) The sluice was opened this year on 18th July 1935 when the reservoir level was 12·75. The reservoir is generally opened only on the 15th July or later according to the supplies available. This year the opening was delayed by a few days as repair works had to be check-measured.

(*c*) As the first and second-crop seasons are continuous there are no separate dates of opening and closure for each crop. The dates of opening and closure during each of the last five years were—

	Date of	
	Opening.	Closure.
1930–31	27th August 1930.	15th May 1931.
1931–32	15th July 1931.	1st April 1932.
1932–33	5th July 1932.	31st January 1933.
1933–34	3rd December 1933.	26th May 1934.
1934–35	15th July 1934.	27th March 1935.

(*d*) Three times, i.e., in 1922–23, 1925–26 and 1930–31.

The Survepalli Reservoir.

* 300 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place on the table of the House a comprehensive statement regarding the proposals for improving the Survepalli reservoir and the cost of those improvements?

A.—The detailed investigation of the scheme for improvements to the Survepalli reservoir was taken up last year and has been completed. Plans and estimates are under scrutiny by the local officers. Details of the proposals and their cost will become available only after the final report on the scheme is received.